

Burr Amendment No. 716 (to Amendment No. 709), to require that payments to eligible States and eligible counties only be used for public schools.

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Webb Amendment No. 692, to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran. Page S3803

Coburn Amendment No. 648, to remove \$100 million in funding for the Republican and Democrat party conventions in 2008. Page S3818

Coburn Amendment No. 649, to remove a \$2 million earmark for the University of Vermont.

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Coburn Amendment No. 656, to require timely public disclosure of Government reports submitted to Congress. Page S3818

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Coburn Amendment No. 717, to make certain provisions inapplicable. Page S3818

Coburn Amendment No. 718, to make certain provisions inapplicable. Page S3818

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, that there be 30 minutes of debate to run concurrently with respect to Wyden Amendment No. 709 and Burr Amendment No. 716 (both listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Wyden and Burr, or their designees; that the Burr Amendment No. 716 be modified to be a first-degree amendment, and that no amendments be in order to Burr Amendment No. 716 or Wyden Amendment No. 709; that there then be 30 minutes of debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Wyden Amendment No. 709, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to Burr Amendment No. 716, and then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; that on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, it be in order for Senator Hagel to propose Amendment No. 707 and there be 90 minutes of debate under his control, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the amendment be withdrawn.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 115), George H. Wu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—116) Pages S3792, S3815–16

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3984.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, who was introduced by Senator Warner, Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, who was introduced by Senator Akaka, S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn and William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, who was introduced by Representative Everett, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

EXCLUSIVE SPORTS PROGRAMMING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine competition and consumer choice relating to exclusive sports programming, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Jacobson, iN DEMAND LLC, and Robert A. Dupuy, Major League Baseball, both of New York, New York; Stephen F. Ross, The Pennsylvania State University Institute for Sports Law, Policy and Research, University Park; Carl Vogel, Echostar Satellite LLC, Englewood, Colorado; and Chase Carey, DIRECTV, Inc., Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress:

Subcommittee on Health Care: Senators Rockefeller (Chairman), Kerry, Bingaman, Lincoln, Wyden, Stabenow, Cantwell, Salazar, Hatch, Grassley, Snowe, Kyl, Thomas, Roberts, and Bunning.

Subcommittee on Taxation, IRS Oversight, and Long-term Growth: Senators Conrad (Chairman), Baucus, Wyden, Cantwell, Schumer, Stabenow, Salazar, Kyl, Lott, Roberts, Snowe, Crapo, and Hatch.

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure: Senators Bingaman (Chairman), Conrad, Kerry, Lincoln, Wyden, Cantwell, Salazar, Thomas, Smith, Hatch, Bunning, Lott, and Crapo.

Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy: Senators Kerry (Chairman), Rockefeller, Conrad, Schumer, Bunning, Lott, and Kyl.

Subcommittee on International Trade and Global Competitiveness: Senators Lincoln (Chairman), Baucus, Rockefeller, Bingaman, Schumer, Stabenow, Smith, Crapo, Snowe, Thomas, and Roberts.

Senators Baucus and Grassley are ex officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges in the United States-China economic relationship, after receiving testimony from Senator Dorgan; Jagdish Bhagwati, Columbia University, New York, New York; Daniel DiMicco, NUCOR Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Norman R. Sorensen, the Principal International, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of Principal Financial Group; and Steven Chu, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California.

THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Employee Free Choice Act, focusing on restoring economic opportunity for working families, after receiving testimony from Cynthia L. Estlund, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; Laurence Mishel, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Peter J. Hurtgen, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius LLP, Irvine, California, former Member and Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board; and Errol Hohrein, Greely, Colorado.

SAFE MEDICINE AND MEDICAL DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring safe medicines and medical devices for children, after receiving testimony from Susan Belfiore, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey; Richard L. Gorman, American Academy of Pediatrics, Baltimore, Maryland; Samuel D. Maldonado, Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development, Raritan, New Jersey; Robert M. Campbell, Jr., University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; and Ed Rozynski, Stryker Corporation, Washington, D.C.

FBI OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, focusing on the review by the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

DOD/VA COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on health care issues, and challenges encountered by injured servicemembers during their recovery process, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Kussman, Executive-In-Charge, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ellen Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs/Force Health Protection and Readiness; Major Ladda Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, Springfield; Denise Mettie, Wounded Warrior Project, Jacksonville, Florida; Bruce M. Gans, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, West Orange, New Jersey; and Jonathan D. Pruden, Gainesville, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.